



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 1, 2024

Present: Mayor N. Minions
Councillors S. Blacklock, K. Grant, C. Haslett,
J. Kerr, J. Meilleur, M. Swift

Absent: Nil

Staff Present: J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
E. Henley, Director of Finance
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with 10 members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Minions respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we gather and work is on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS:

- a. **Ken Price (Chief Councillor, K'ómoks First Nation): Request for Support and Partnership: Community celebration of National Indigenous People's Day.**

Late Item - National Indigenous People's Day

THAT the May 1, 2024, Regular Council Meeting agenda be amended by:

a. Adding item 12c. Correspondence, Request for Support and Partnership: Community celebration of National Indigenous People's Day.

(2024.170) -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- a. **Adoption of Agenda**

Adoption of Agenda

THAT the May 1, 2024, Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2024.171) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

- a. **Captain Eric Germain (CFB Comox) - 19 Wing Comox Armed Forces Day and Air Show 2024**

Delegation - Comox Airshow

Captain Eric Germain from CFB Comox presented a detailed traffic and parking strategy for the upcoming 19 Wing Comox Armed Forces Day and Air Show. The Airshow on May 18th will operate from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, expecting 20,000 to 30,000 visitors, with an emphasis on promoting public transportation and cycling to reduce emissions.

b. Staff Sgt.Troy Beauregard - RCMP Quarterly Report

Delegation - RCMP Quarterly Report

Staff Sgt.Troy Beauregard and Staff Sgt. Corey Kilborn presented the RCMP Quarterly Report for January 1 to March 31, 2024. In Comox, during the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, there were 516 Calls for Service, slightly lower than the previous year, with Traffic Incidents being the most frequent.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, be Adopted.

(2024.172) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS: NIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. *THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be received for information:*

- a. Shelley Werk, Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada: building lighting request*
- b. City of Courtenay, Letter of support re: designation of Search and Rescue organizations as First Responders*
- c. Kendall Lewis, Huntington Society of Canada: building lighting request*
- d. Colonel JP Gagnon, 19 Wing Comox: invitation to Wing Commander VIP Chalet*
- e. Shannon McKenney, Sepsis Canada: building lighting request*
- f. Tim McKinnon: food vendors on Lazo Road*
- g. Matt Vandervoort, Comox Archives & Museum Society: Thank you*
- h. Erik Eriksson, Comox Valley Walk of Achievement Committee: Invitation*

(2024.173) -- CARRIED

2. *THAT Item f. (Tim McKinnon: food vendors on Lazo Road) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2024.174) -- CARRIED

3. *THAT Item h. (Erik Eriksson, Comox Valley Walk of Achievement Committee: Invitation) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2024.175) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NIL

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw and 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw

Financial Plan and Tax Rates Bylaw

- 1. THAT the Comox Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2031, 2024 be given First, Second and Third Readings. (2024.176) -- CARRIED
- 2. THAT the Comox Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2032, 2024 be given First, Second and Third Readings. (2024.177) -- CARRIED

b. Comox Planning Procedure Amendment Bylaw No.1780.16

Planning Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1780

- 1. THAT the Comox Planning Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 1780.16 be given First, Second and Third Readings. (2024.178) -- CARRIED

c. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2016.04

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2016.0

THAT the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2016.04 be given First, Second and Third readings. (2024.179) -- CARRIED

d. CVRD Board resolution - 2024 UBCM Community Preparedness Fund - Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training

Correspondence - Emergency Operations Centre

THAT the Town of Comox approves the application made to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Preparedness Fund (Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training Stream) in the amount of up to \$150,000 to further build our regional capacity to prepare for and respond to disasters and reduce risks from natural hazards in a changing climate;

AND FURTHER THAT, as a joint applicant, the Town of Comox agrees that the primary applicant, Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD), will apply for, receive, and manage the grant funding on their behalf, if successful in grant funding

(2024.180) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Doug Hillian, Chair (CVRD Sewage Commission) - Letter of Support Request - Temporary sani-dump services

Correspondence - Sani-Dump

THAT the April 24, 2024, letter from Doug Hillian, Chair, CVRD Sewage Commission, Letter of Support Request - Temporary sani-dump services, be received for information. (2024.181) -- CARRIED

b. Mayor Bob Wells (City of Courtenay) - Letter of Support Request - Treatment and Medical Detox Beds in the Comox Valley

Correspondence - Mayor Bob Wells

THAT the April 16, 2024, letter from Bob Wells, Mayor, City of Courtenay, Letter of Support Request - Treatment and Medical Detox Beds in the Comox Valley, be received and a letter of support be provided.

(2024.182) -- CARRIED

c. Ken Price (Chief Councillor, K'ómoks First Nation): Request for Support and Partnership: Community celebration of National Indigenous People's Day.

Correspondence - National Indigenous People's Day

1. *That the April 16, 2024, letter from Chief Councillor Price of the K'omoks First Nation, seeking partner support for National Indigenous People's Day, be received and that staff be authorized to allocate \$2500.00 as requested; and*

THAT Mayor Minions engage in dialogue with Chief Councillor Price regarding Council's intention to review its approval policies for future grants and affirm that the Town is looking forward to working on a variety of projects.

(2024.183) -- DEFEATED

[Opposed: Councillors SBlacklock CHaslett KGrant MSwift]

2. *THAT the April 16, 2024, letter from Chief Councillor Price of the K'omoks First Nation, seeking partner support for National Indigenous People's Day, be received and that the Town offer in-kind assistance.*

(2024.184) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Blacklock

Councillor Blacklock advised of the following upcoming events:
-June 11 - Comox Valley Substance Use Strategy event at the Filberg Centre
-May 4 - WeCan Shelter Society grand opening of two new home units at Maple Pool

b. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the Comox Valley Early Years Collaborative meeting and announced that May is Child Care Month, dedicated to celebrating childcare workers and educators.

c. Councillor Haslett

Councillor Haslett advised that he attended a d'Esterre Seniors Centre Association meeting.

d. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr advised that he attended the following:
-Affordable housing conference in Courtenay
-"Wake for the Trees" event along the Pritchard corridor
-Earth Day event at St. Peter's Church
-Snow 2 Surf event at Marina Park
-Berwick – met with 30+ residents

e. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the following meetings:
-CVRD Board meeting regarding land donated for a park in Oyster River, BC Transit exchange, Glacier View Lodge affordable housing on property, and bike route from Cumberland to Courtenay.

f. Councillor Meilleur

Councillor Meilleur advised that she attended the following:
-Comox Valley Food Policy Council meeting
-Comox Archives and Museum meeting
-"Wake for the Trees" event along the Pritchard corridor

g. Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions advised of the following upcoming events:
-May 1 to 7 is Youth Week with events at the Community Centre
-May 10 is Move for Health Day sponsored by the Community Centre
-Comox Nautical Days Committee applications still being accepted until June

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL


18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:


Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct pursuant to Section 97(1)(b) of the Community Charter.



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER